### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

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(1) TRACY DARROW, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF BETSY BOATNER,
(2) COY BOATNER, (3) THOMAS CROOKS,
(4) SHELLEY MATHERS, AND

(5) RONNIE WILLIAMS,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

(1) CIGNA CORPORATION,

(2) CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF TEXAS, INC.,

(3) DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP.,

(4) INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND

(5) MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP.,

Defendants.



CIVIL ACTION NO.

### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), defendants Cigna Corporation and Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. (collectively, the "Cigna Defendants") file this Notice of Removal and show:

- 1. The Cigna Defendants are defendants in a state court action styled *Tracy Darrow*, Individually and as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Besty Boatner, Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Shelley Mathers, and Ronnie Williams vs. Cigna Corporation, Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc., Diagnostic Solutions Corp., InSight Health Services Corp., and Maxum Health Services Corp., Cause No. 7086, pending in the District Court of Rains County, Texas.
- 2. Plaintiffs Tracy Darrow (individually and as independent administrator of the estate of Besty Boatner), Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Shelley Mathers and Ronnie Williams

("Plaintiffs") filed their original petition in the state court action on January 14, 2000. On February 10, 2000, Cigna Corporation was served with citation and the state court petition. On February 9, 2000, Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. was served with citation and the state court petition.

- Plaintiffs' claims in the state court action "relate to" a qualified employee benefit plan governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001, et seq., which controls and regulates benefits, administration, and other aspects of such employee benefits plans. Plaintiffs contend that the Cigna Defendants were negligent in their administration of the applicable plan by allegedly requiring Betsy Boatner, an alleged plan participant, to travel to Dallas, Texas for a CT scan. The crux of Plaintiffs' claim is that the Cigna Defendants were negligent in their administration of an ERISA plan.
- 4. Section 514(a) of ERISA preempts "any and all State laws insofar as they may now or hereafter relate to any employee benefit plan" covered by ERISA. 29 U.S.C. §1144(a). Plaintiffs' claims relate to the Cigna Defendants' performance of their duties as the administrator of an employee benefit plan covered by ERISA. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' claims are subject to the deliberately expansive and broadly construed preemption provisions of ERISA. The state court action is therefore removable by virtue of complete federal preemption afforded by ERISA.
- 5. The duties of a plan administrator and the rights of a plan participant under an ERISA-governed plan are federal questions. Therefore, this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this civil action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 6. Because this is a civil action of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, this case may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C.§1441(b).

- 7. This Notice of Removal is timely filed within thirty (30) days after the Cigna Defendants (or any other defendants) first received a copy of the petition in the state court action.

  28 U.S.C. §1446(b).
- 8. All other defendants who have been served with summons and the original petition in the state court action have joined in this Notice of Removal, as evidenced by the joinder of defendants Diagnostic Solutions Corp., InSight Health Services Corp. and Maxum Health Services Corp., filed concurrently herewith.
- 9. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1446(a) and Local Rule CV-81(c)(2), copies of the state court docket sheet and all process, pleadings and orders filed in the state court action as of this date are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 10. Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(1), a list of all parties in this case, their party type and the current status of the removed case is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 11. Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(3), a complete list of attorneys involved in this case is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 12. Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(4), a record of those parties who have requested trial by jury is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 13. Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, the Cigna Defendants shall give written notice of the removal to Plaintiffs through their attorney of record and to the clerk of the state court as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).

WHEREFORE, the Cigna Defendants request that this action now pending against them in the District Court of Rains County, Texas be removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division, as an action properly removable thereto, and seek general relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

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### **INDEX OF STATE COURT FILE**

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81 of the Local Rules for the United States District Court, Eastern District, all documents contained in the state court's file for the civil action styled *Tracy Darrow, et al. v. Cigna Corporation, et al.*, Cause No. 7086, pending in the District Court of Rains County, Texas, are attached hereto and are filed with the Cigna Defendants' Notice of Removal in this case:

	Document	Date Filed
1.	Docket Sheet	N/A
2.	Plaintiffs' Original Petition	1/14/00
3.	Return of Citation - Maxum Health Services Corp.	2/8/00
4.	Return of Citation - Cigna Corporation	2/8/00

5.	Return of Citation - Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc.	2/8/00
6.	Return of Citation – Diagnostic Solutions Corp.	2/8/00
7.	Return of Citation - Insight Health Services Corp.	2/8/00
8.	Correspondence from Cowles & Thompson	2/9/00
9.	Defendants Diagnostic Solutions Corp., Insight Health Services Corp., and Maxum Health Services Corp.'s Motion to Transfer Venue and Original Answer Subject Thereto	2/14/00
10.	Correspondence from Cowles & Thompson	2/14/00
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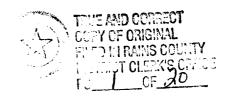
### PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Plaintiffs Tracy Darrow, Individually and as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner, Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Shelley Mathers, and Ronnie Williams and file this Original Petition against Cigna Corporation, Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc., Diagnostic Solutions Corp., InSight Health Services Corp., and Maxum Health Services Corp. pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and would respectfully show the Court the following:

## I. <u>DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN</u>

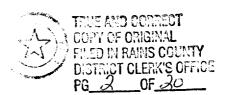
Discovery in this action is intended to be conducted under Level 3 of Tex. R. Civ.
 P. 190.3. Plaintiffs anticipate filing a docket control order in this action.



## II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow ("Darrow"), is an individual residing at Route 2 Box 80, Cumby, Texas, 75433. Darrow is the duly appointed Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner and brings this action in her individual capacity, in her capacity as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner and, to the extent necessary or required by Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 71.004, for the benefit of the wrongful death beneficiaries of Betsy Boatner.
- 3. Plaintiff, Coy L. Boatner, is the surviving spouse of Betsy Boatner and resides at P. O. Box 665, Emory, Rains County, Texas 75440.
- 4. Plaintiff, Thomas Crooks, is a surviving son of Betsy Boatner and resides at 512

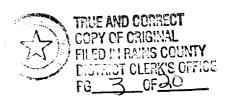
  Oak Hollow Court, Crowley, Tarrant County, Texas 76035.
- 5. Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow, is a surviving daughter of Betsy Boatner and resides at Route 2 Box 80, Cumby, Hunt County, Texas 75433.
- 6. Plaintiff, Shelley Mathers, is a surviving daughter of Betsy Boatner and resides at 2900 Robin Road #1405, Greenville, Hunt County, Texas 75402.
- Plaintiff, Ronnie Williams, is a surviving son of Betsy Boatner and resides at 3638
   FM 513 South, Greenville, Hunt County Texas 75433.
- 8. Defendant Cigna Corporation ("Cigna") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1 Liberty Place, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19192. Cigna is not qualified to do business in the State of Texas. Accordingly, Cigna may be served with process by serving the Texas Secretary of State.



- 9. Defendant, Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. ("Cigna of Texas") is a corporation with its principal place of business located at 1122 Colorado Street, Suite 205, Austin, Texas 78701. Cigna of Texas has appointed the CT Corporation System as its agent for service of process and said agent may be served at 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201 by certified mail, return-receipt requested pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 106(a)(2).
- 10. Defendant, Diagnostic Solutions Corp. ("Diagnostic Solutions") is a Delaware Corporation and has appointed the CT Corporation as its agent for service of process. Said agent may be served at 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201 by certified mail, return-receipt requested pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 106(a)(2).
- 11. Defendant, InSight Health Services Corp. ("Insight") is a Delaware corporation that is no longer qualified to do business in the state of Texas. Accordingly, Insight may be served with process by serving the Texas Secretary of State.
- 12. Defendant, Maxum Health Services Corp. ("Maxum") is a corporation with its principal place of business located at 4400 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 800, Newport Beach, California 92660. Maxum has appointed the CT Corporation System as its agent for service of process and said agent may be served at 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201 by certified mail, return-receipt requested pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 106(a)(2).

## III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

13. The Court has jurisdiction over this action because Defendants Cigna, Cigna of Texas, Diagnostic Solutions, InSight, and Maxum were engaged in business enterprises and/or commercial activity within the State of Texas at the time of the occurrence forming the basis of

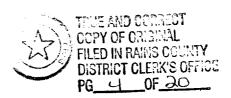


this lawsuit; the facts giving rise to this action occurred within the State of Texas; and the damages sought by Plaintiffs are well in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.

14. Venue is proper in the District Court of Rains County, Texas, because all or a substantial part of the events giving rise to the Plaintiffs' cause of action occurred in Rains County, Texas. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 15.002(a)(1).

## IV. THE TRAGEDY RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF BETSY BOATNER

- 15. On Saturday, April 18, 1998, Mrs. Betsy Boatner was cleaning out the kitty litter box at her home in Emory, Texas. She felt a sudden onset of pain in the right side of her head. She felt a little disoriented and dizzy but believed she would get better with rest. However, when her uneasiness persisted, she made an appointment to see Dr. Dee McCrary, her family physician.
- 16. On Tuesday, April 21, 1998, Mrs. Boatner and her husband, Coy Boatner, went to Dr. McCrary's office in Greenville, Texas for her scheduled appointment. At that time, Mrs. Boatner was examined by Robin Kent, Dr. McCrary's physician's assistant. After the examination, Dr. McCrary ordered a stat CT scan to rule out a possible cerebral hemorrhage.
- 17. Mrs. Boatner was a member of a Cigna Corporation/Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Cigna") health maintenance organization. Because Cigna did not have a diagnostic imaging contract with Presbyterian Hospital in Greenville, Cigna and Diagnostic Solutions would not permit Mrs. Boatner to receive a CT scan at her local hospital. In fact, Dr. McCrary's staff requested that Cigna and Diagnostic Solutions conduct the STAT CT scan in Greenville. Because this request was denied, Dr. McCrary's staff worked



with Diagnostic Solutions (Cigna's scheduling agent) to make arrangements for Mrs. Boatner's STAT CT scan to be conducted at the nearest authorized facility. Ultimately, Cigna and Diagnostic Solutions made arrangements for Mrs. Boatner to have the STAT CT scan at Maxum in Dallas.

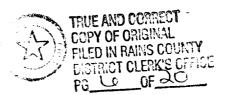
- 18. By the time the Boatners left for Dallas, it was between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. Maxum, Diagnostic Solutions, and Cigna were all fully aware of the scheduled procedure and knew that Mrs. Boatner was on her way to Dallas. As expected, the Boatners encountered Dallas rush hour traffic and did not arrive at Maxum until some time between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- 19. Upon arrival at Maxum, the Boatners spoke with employees of Maxum and were informed that Maxum's radiologist had gone home and that Mrs. Boatner would need to reschedule her STAT CT scan. Maxum sent Mrs. Boatner back out into a medically uncontrolled environment, and she returned to her home in Emory, Rains County, Texas.
- that they would ever share together. Mrs. Boatner slept through the night and arose the next morning. She felt good enough to shower, dress, undertake her usual morning activities, and leave for work. Intending to report for work and then return to Dr. McCrary's office as soon as it opened, she climbed in her truck and began traveling to work. Less than half a mile from her home, she lost consciousness, and her truck slowly swerved off the road and collided with a tree at a low speed. Mrs. Boatner was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident and did not sustain any identifiable bodily harm as a result of the automobile accident. An eyewitness saw nothing wrong with Mrs. Boatner except the unexplained loss of consciousness.



21. At the time that Maxum turned Mrs. Boatner away, she was suffering from a life threatening condition. She had developed a sentinel bleed from an aneurysm in her basilar artery. Ultimately, the aneurysm fully ruptured and Mrs. Boatner died on April 24, 1998. If Mrs. Boatner had received the STAT CT scan on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, Dr. McCrary would have immediately admitted Mrs. Boatner to the nearest emergency room for an immediate neurosurgical consult to include immediate hospitalization and stabilization, a cerebral angiogram, and urgent surgical intervention to repair the aneurysm. Had Mrs. Boatner received such care and treatment, she would not have died.

### V. CLAIMS AGAINST CIGNA

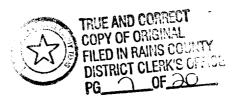
- 22. The allegations of paragraphs 1-21 above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 23. At all times relevant hereto, Cigna, through its employees, agents, servants, ostensible agents, and representatives made healthcare treatment decisions with respect to the care and treatment received by Mrs. Boatner.
- 24. Cigna violated Section 88.002(a) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and negligently performed an undertaking by requiring Mrs. Boatner to travel to Dallas, Texas, for a STAT CT scan (over sixty miles away) when a CT scanner was available at Presbyterian Hospital only one floor above Dr. McCrary's office.
- 25. Cigna also violated Section 88.002(b) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and negligently performed an undertaking because Diagnostic Solutions, Insight, and Maxum (Cigna's agents, ostensible agents, or representatives) failed to exercise ordinary care in one or more of the following ways:



- (1) scheduling Betsy Boatner for a STAT CT scan at a facility in Dallas, Texas (over sixty miles away from Dr. McCrary's office) when a CT scanner was available at Presbyterian Hospital only one floor above Dr. McCrary's office;
- (2) failing to ensure that a radiologist would be on duty and ready to immediately perform, interpret, and report the results of the STAT CT scan to Dr. McCrary and take the next step in Mrs. Boatner's immediate care;
- (3) canceling Betsy Boatner's scheduled STAT CT scan on April 21, 1998;
- (4) failing to notify Dr. McCrary and/or his office staff that the STAT CT scan had been cancelled at Maxum's direction;
- (5) failing to make immediate arrangements for Betsy Boatner to have a STAT CT scan conducted at one of InSight and/or Maxum's other diagnostic imaging facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex after the radiologist left the Forest Lane facility on April 21, 1998; and
- (6) Otherwise failing to act with reasonable care under the circumstances.
- 26. The negligent conduct set forth above proximately caused the death of Mrs. Boatner and Plaintiffs' damages.

# VI. <u>CLAIMS AGAINST DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS</u>

- 27. The allegations of paragraphs 1-21 above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 28. At all times relevant hereto, Diagnostic Solutions, through its employees, agents, servants, ostensible agents, and representatives made healthcare treatment decisions with respect to the care and treatment received by Mrs. Boatner.
- 29. Diagnostic Solutions violated Section 88.002(a) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and negligently performed an undertaking by failing to exercise ordinary care in one or more of the following ways:



- (1) scheduling Betsy Boatner for a STAT CT scan at a facility in Dallas, Texas (over sixty miles away from Dr. McCrary's office) when a CT scanner was available at Presbyterian Hospital only one floor above Dr. McCrary's office;
- (2) failing to ensure that a radiologist would be on duty and ready to immediately perform, interpret, and report the results of the CT scan to Dr. McCrary and take the next step in Mrs. Boatner's immediate care;
- failing to make immediate arrangements for Betsy Boatner to have a CT scan conducted at one of InSight and/or Maxum's other diagnostic imaging facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex after the radiologist left the Central Expressway facility on April 21, 1998; and
- (4) otherwise failing to act with reasonable care under the circumstances.
- 30. Diagnostic Solutions also violated Section 88.002(b) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and negligently performed an undertaking because Insight and Maxum (Cigna and Diagnostic Solutions' agents, ostensible agents, or representatives) failed to use reasonable care in making the following healthcare treatment decisions regarding Mrs. Boatner:
  - (1) scheduling Betsy Boatner for a STAT CT scan at a facility in Dallas, Texas (over sixty miles away from Dr. McCrary's office) when a CT scanner was available in the very same building as Dr. McCrary's office;
  - (2) failing to ensure that a radiologist would be on duty and ready to immediately perform, interpret, and report the results of the CT scan to Dr. McCrary;
  - (3) canceling Betsy Boatner's scheduled CT scan on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, after being informed of the emergency need for the diagnostic test;
  - (4) failing to notify Dr. McCrary and/or his office staff, Diagnostic Solutions, and Cigna that the CT scan had been cancelled;
  - (5) failing to make immediate arrangements for Betsy Boatner to have a CT scan conducted at one of InSight and/or Maxum's other diagnostic imaging facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex after the radiologist left the Central Expressway facility on April 21, 1998;

- (6) otherwise failing to act with reasonable care under the circumstances.
- 31. The negligent conduct set forth above proximately caused the death of Mrs. Boatner and Plaintiffs' damages.

### VII. CLAIMS AGAINST INSIGHT AND MAXUM

- 32. The allegations of paragraphs 1-21 above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 33. At all times relevant hereto, InSight and Maxum through their employees, agents, servants, ostensible agents, and representatives, including, but not limited to, its radiologists, employees, managers, and technologists, made healthcare treatment decisions with respect to Mrs. Boatner.
- 34. Insight and Maxum violated Section 88.002(a) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, committed medical negligence, or, in the alternative, negligently performed an undertaking in one or more of the following ways:
  - (1) failing to perform the STAT CT scan ordered by Dr. McCrary when it had agreed, required the manner and method, and had undertaken to do so knowing that Dr. McCrary and the Boatners were relying upon Insight and Maxum to perform the diagnostic test;
  - (2) failing to ensure that a radiologist would be on duty and ready to immediately perform, interpret, and report the results of the CT scan to Dr. McCrary;
  - (3) canceling Mrs. Boatner's scheduled CT scan on April 21, 1998, without rhyme or reason;
  - (4) failing to notify Dr. McCrary and/or his office staff, Diagnostic Solutions, and Cigna that the CT scan had been cancelled;
  - (5) failing to make immediate arrangements for Mrs. Boatner to have a CT scan conducted at one of InSight and/or Maxum's other diagnostic imaging

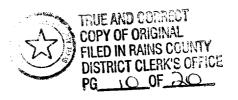
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  - failing to ensure that a radiologist would be on duty and ready to immediately perform, interpret, and report the results of the STAT CT scan to Dr. McCrary;
  - (2) canceling Betsy Boatner's scheduled STAT CT scan on April 21, 1998, for no reason;
  - (3) failing to notify Dr. McCrary and/or his office staff, Diagnostic Solutions, and / or Cigna that the STAT CT scan had been unilaterally cancelled;
  - (4) failing to make immediate arrangements for Betsy Boatner to have a STAT CT scan conducted at one of InSight and/or Maxum's other diagnostic imaging facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex after its radiologist left the Central Expressway facility on April 21, 1998; and
  - (5) otherwise failing to act with reasonable care under the circumstances.
- 36. The negligent conduct listed above proximately caused the death of Mrs. Boatner and Plaintiffs' damages.

### VIII. <u>DAMAGES</u>

37. Plaintiffs would show the Court and Twelve Jurors True of Rains County, Texas that based upon the foregoing acts and/or omissions by the various Defendants the Plaintiffs and



their family members have been made to suffer severe and horrendous damages as a result of the wrongful death of Mrs. Boatner on April 24, 1998.

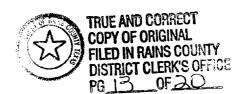
- As a proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs 38. Tracy Darrow, Individually, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner, Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Shelley Mathers, and Ronnie Williams would show that prior to the injury and death made the basis of this suit, Mrs. Boatner was a member of a beautiful, vibrant, healthy, loving, and supportive family who dearly loved her. Furthermore, Mrs. Boatner enjoyed popularity, respect and admiration from her peers and members of the community in which she resided. As a proximate cause of the acts and/or omissions of the Defendants as listed above, Mrs. Boatner was destroyed on April 24, 1998, and no longer exists in the physical world. Plaintiffs, Tracy Darrow, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betty Boatner, Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Shelley Mathers, and Ronnie Williams suffered an enormous loss in the untimely traumatic death of their wife and mother. Mrs. Boatner's untimely death has caused severe and horrendous damage to each of these Plaintiffs and to the entire family. Therefore, pursuant to the Wrongful Death Statute under Section 71.001 et seq. of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, the Survival Statute under Section 71.021 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and under the Common Law of the State of Texas, Plaintiffs hereby affirmatively seek all statutory and common law damages available under the Laws of the State of Texas. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 71.001 et. Seq. (Vernon 1998). Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 71.021 (Vernon 1998).
  - 39. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow, Individually, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:



- (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
- (2) Lost earning capacity in the past;
- (3) Lost earning capacity in the future;
- (4) Mental anguish in the past;
- (5) Mental anguish in the future;
- (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
- (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
- (8) Pecuniary loss in the future for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
- (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
- (10) Loss of consortium in the future;
- (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;
- (12) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the future;
- (13) Loss of inheritance;
- (14) Exemplary and punitive damages past and future;
- (15) Pre-judgment interest as recoverable by law at the highest rate allowed by law. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 5069-1.05;
- (16) Post-judgment interest as recoverable by law at the highest rate allowed by law;
- (17) Conscious pain and suffering;
- (18) Reasonable and necessary funeral, burial expenses incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the untimely death of Betsy Boatner; and
- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

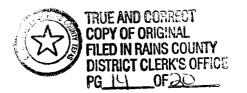


- 40. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow, Independent Administrator of the estate of Betsy Boatner, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
  - (2) Lost earning capacity in the past;
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  - (4) Mental anguish in the past;
  - (5) Mental anguish in the future;
  - (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
  - (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (8) Pecuniary loss in the future for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
  - (10) Loss of consortium in the future;
  - (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;
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  - (17) Conscious pain and suffering;



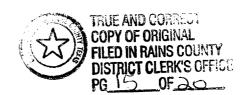
- (18) Reasonable and necessary funeral, burial expenses incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the untimely death of Betsy Boatner; and
- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

- 41. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Coy Boatner, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
  - (2) Lost earning capacity in the past;
  - (3) Lost earning capacity in the future;
  - (4) Mental anguish in the past;
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  - (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
  - (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (8) Pecuniary loss in the future for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
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  - (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;
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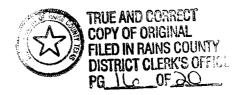
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- (16) Post-judgment interest as recoverable by law at the highest rate allowed by law;
- (17) Conscious pain and suffering;
- (18) Reasonable and necessary funeral, burial expenses incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the untimely death of Betsy Boatner; and
- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

- 42. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Thomas Crooks, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
  - (2) Lost earning capacity in the past;
  - (3) Lost earning capacity in the future;
  - (4) Mental anguish in the past;
  - (5) Mental anguish in the future;
  - (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
  - (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (8) Pecuniary loss in the future for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
  - (10) Loss of consortium in the future;
  - (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;



- (12) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the future;
- (13) Loss of inheritance;
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- (17) Conscious pain and suffering;
- (18) Reasonable and necessary funeral, burial expenses incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the untimely death of Betsy Boatner; and
- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

- 43. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Shelly Mathers, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
  - (2) Lost earning capacity in the past;
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  - (4) Mental anguish in the past;
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  - (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
  - (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
  - (8) Pecuniary loss in the future for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;



- (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
- (10) Loss of consortium in the future;
- (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;
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- (17) Conscious pain and suffering;
- (18) Reasonable and necessary funeral, burial expenses incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the untimely death of Betsy Boatner; and
- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

- 44. The Damages sought by Plaintiff, Ronnie Williams, specifically include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred in the past and future;
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  - (4) Mental anguish in the past;
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- (6) Mental anguish for Betsy Boatner during the injury sequence, immediately following the injury and for the time she was unconscious and alive on the injury scene before she expired;
- (7) Pecuniary loss in the past for the value of Betsy Boatner's services;
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- (9) Loss of consortium in the past;
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- (11) Loss of love, companionship, comfort and society in the past;
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- (17) Conscious pain and suffering;
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- (19) Bystander recovery for being forced to witness the horrific event.

45. Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner, also seeks the recovery of exemplary damages for Betsy Boatner's Estate and for the wrongful death beneficiaries of Betsy Boatner because of the gross neglect of the Defendants in subjecting Betsy Boatner to an extreme degree of risk considering the probability and magnitude



of the harm to persons such as Betsy Boatner, when it had actual, subjective awareness of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded in conscious indifference to the rights, safety, and welfare of Betsy Boatner. Such exemplary damages are sought by this Plaintiff to make an example of Defendants and to deter others from acting with such conscious indifference as Defendants did on this occasion.

### IX. **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff, Tracy Darrow, Individually and as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner, Coy Boatner, Thomas Crooks, Tracy Darrow, Shelley Mathers, and Ronnie Williams pray that Defendants be cited to appear and answer and that upon final hearing have and recover judgment of and from Defendants jointly and severally, for compensatory damages claimed herein in an amount in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of this Court and in excess of the amount required for diversity of citizenship in federal cases; for exemplary damages; for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; for such costs of suit for having to bring and develop this action; and for such other relief, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs respectfully request their right to a trial by jury of 12 jurors true of Rains County, Texas.

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MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP, 4400 MACARTHUR BLVD, STE 800, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660, C/O CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 350 N.PAUL ST, DALLAS, TX 75201, GREETINGS:

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TO: CIGNA CORPORATION, 1 LIBERTY PLACE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 19192, C/O SECRETARY OF STATE, CITATIONS UNIT, PO BOX 12079, AUSTIN, TX 78711-2079, GREETINGS:

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#### CERTIFIED MAIL Z-405-684-036

CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF TEXAS, INC., 1122 COLORADO ST, STE 205, AUSTIN, TX 78701, C/O CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 350 N S+ PAUL ST, DALLAS, TEXAS 75201, GREETINGS:

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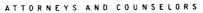
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SHERRY MACEY Legal Secretary 972-542-5000 Ext. 230 smacey@cowlesthompson.com

February 4, 2000

Court Clerk 8th Judicial District P. O. Box 187 Emory, TX 75440-0187

Re: Tracy Darrow, et al vs. Cigna Corporation

Cause No. 7086 Claim No. 941-0070323 Our File No. 4336/59728

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed you will find the original and one copy of Diagnostic Solutions Corp., Insight Health Services Corp., and Maxum Health Services Corp.'s Motion to Transfer Venue and Original Answer Subject Thereto. Please file the original with the Court's other papers in this matter and return a file-marked copy to this office in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sherry Macey Legal Secretary to Alan L. Campbell

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**Enclosures** 

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CAUSE NO. 7086

TRACY DARROW, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF BETSY BOATNER, COY BOATNER, THOMAS CROOKS, SHELLEY MATHERS, AND RONNIE WILLIAMS

IN AND POD

VS.

CIGNA CORPORATION, CIGNA
HEALTHCARE OF TEXAS, INC.,
DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP.,
INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND
MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP.

RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

DEFENDANTS DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP.,
INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND MAXUM HEALTH
SERVICES CORP.'S MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE AND
ORIGINAL ANSWER SUBJECT THERETO

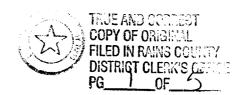
#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP., INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP., Defendants in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and file this their Motion to Transfer Venue and Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition Subject Thereto and would respectfully show the Court the following:

I.

### **MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE**

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 86, Defendants move to transfer venue to Dallas County, Texas. Defendants object to venue in Rains County, Texas, the county in which this suit was filed, on the ground that said county is not a proper county and no valid basis exists mandating or permitting venue in said county. Rains is not a proper county of venue because the alleged acts and omissions as to these Defendants occurred in Dallas County, Texas. None of the acts or omissions alleged against these Defendants occurred in Rains County, Texas. Defendants



contend that "all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim" against these Defendants occurred in Dallas County. Tex.Civ.Prac. & Rem. Code §15.002(a)(1). See Plaintiffs' Original Petition herein. To the extent that Plaintiffs' pleadings may be construed as asserting venue facts, they are hereby specifically denied. Accordingly, Defendants/Movants request that venue be transferred to Dallas County, a county of proper venue.

II.

### GENERAL DENIAL AND JURY DEMAND

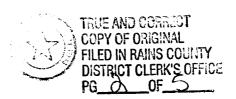
Subject to the foregoing without waiving same, Defendants deny each and every, all and singular, the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition and demand strict proof thereof by a preponderance of evidence before a jury.

III.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

For further answer, if the same be necessary, Defendant affirmatively pleads as follows:

- a. The injuries and damages of which Plaintiffs complain were not caused by any act or omission of Defendants.
- b. The injuries, damages, or liabilities of which the Plaintiffs complain, if any exist, are the result in whole or in part of a pre-existing condition and/or disability and are not the result of any act or omission on the part of Defendants.
- c. The injuries of which Plaintiffs complain, if any exist, were wholly caused by a new and independent cause or causes not reasonably foreseeable by Defendants, or by intervening acts of others which were the sole proximate cause, or in the alternative, a proximate cause to any injuries or damages to Plaintiffs, and therefore, such new and independent acts or causes became the immediate and efficient cause or causes of injury, such that any and all of the



negligent acts or omissions of which Plaintiffs complain as to these Defendants were not the cause of any damages or injuries suffered by Plaintiffs.

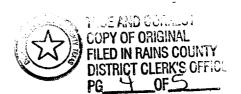
- d. The matters of which Plaintiffs complain, if true, were as to these Defendants wholly and completely unavoidable, and if said matters occurred, it was without negligence on the part of these Defendants. In this connection, Defendants would show that occurrence in question was the result of events and/or conditions which were wholly beyond the scope and control of Defendants, and for which they are not responsible.
- e. The matters of which Plaintiffs complain, if true, occurred as the result of an unavoidable accident and were not caused by the negligence of any party herein.
- f. The injuries and damages of which Plaintiffs complain were solely or alternatively, proximately caused by the acts or omissions of a third-party, not party to this litigation, and over whom Defendants had no control.
- g. At this time, Defendants are unaware of any settlement by any alleged tortfeasor; however, in the event that any settlement is or has been made by any alleged tortfeasor, then Defendants are entitled to full credit, offset, pro rata reduction or percentage reduction based on the percentage of the fault or causation attributable to the settling Defendants herein, and Defendants hereby make known to the other parties and to the Court that they will avail themselves of their rights under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code or other statute or common law rule.
- h. Defendants deny any and all liability on their part to Plaintiffs; however, if the Court or jury should find that Defendants and any other Defendants hereinafter joined in this cause were negligent or otherwise jointly and severally liable to Plaintiffs, then Defendants make known to the Court and the other Defendants herein that they will avail themselves of their rights



under Chapters 32 and 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code or other applicable statute or common law rule, and would ask the Court to enter judgment for contribution or alternatively, indemnity.

- i. In the unlikely event that Plaintiffs obtain a judgment in their favor for damages in this case, Defendants would show that their liability is limited by the provisions of Subchapter K of 4590i, § 11.01, et seq.
- j. In the unlikely event that the Court should submit this cause on the basis of punitive damages, Defendants would show that:
- Consideration of any punitive damages in this civil action violates the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution;
- 2. An award of punitive damages, if allowed, is a punishment and a quasicriminal sanction for which these Defendants are not afforded the specific procedural safeguards prescribed by the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the United States Constitution;
- 3. An award of punitive damages, if allowed, would also violate Article 1, Sections 3, 13, and 19 of the Texas Constitution.
- k. Pleading further, should the same be necessary, in the unlikely event that Plaintiffs obtain a judgment in their favor for punitive damages in this case, Defendants would show that their liability is limited by the provisions of Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants pray that upon final hearing or trial hereof, Plaintiffs have and recover nothing by this suit and that Defendants go hence with costs without day, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which Defendants may show themselves justly entitled.



Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP., INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing has been forwarded via certified mail, return receipt requested to counsel for Plaintiffs, Edward Hohn, Mix Patterson & Roach, 205 Linda Drive, Daingerfield, TX 75638, and John Ginn, Smith, McDovell & Gran, 315 S. Gilmore, P. O. Box 493, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483, on this the

DEFENDANTS DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP., INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP.'S MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE AND ORIGINAL ANSWER SUBJECT THERETO - Page 5

I, MARY SHEPPARD, DISTRICT CLERK, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ociainal Answer as placed on file in my office on  $\frac{\lambda}{1}$ and of record in \* On File Bags Cause 708 6 of the Dist Civil Records of Rains County, Texas. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the Jebua day of

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SHERRY MACEY Legal Secretary 972-542-5000 Ext. 230 smacey@cowlesthompson.com

February 11, 2000

Mary Sheppard, County Clerk 8th Judicial District P. O. Box 187 Emory, TX 75440-0187

Re:

Tracy Darrow, et al vs. Cigna Corporation

Cause No. 7086 Claim No. 941-0070323 Our File No. 4336/59728

Dear Ms. Sheppard:

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$25.00 which represents your fee for the filing of our Motion to Transfer Venue. Please forward a file-marked copy of Diagnostic Solutions Corp., Insight Health Services Corp., and Maxum Health Services Corp.'s Motion to Transfer Venue and Original Answer Subject Thereto to this office at your earliest convenience.

Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Sherry Madey Legal Secretary to Alan L. Campbell

ssm Enclosure

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February 21, 2000

# CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Tracy Darrow, et al vs. Cigna Corporation

Cause No. 7086 Claim No. 941-0070323 Our File No. 4336/59728

Dear Ms. Sheppard:

The undersigned counsel hereby designates April 13 through 18, 2000 as well as May 25 through 31, 2000, during which he plans to be on vacation. Accordingly, it is requested that no case be requested set or set down for trial or hearing during such period and that this notice of such designated vacation period serve as a predicate for application for continuance, if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

ALC/ssm

cc: Edward Hohn, Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested
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# **EXHIBIT B**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

(1) TRACY DARROW, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF BETSY BOATNER, (2) COY BOATNER, (3) THOMAS CROOKS, (4) SHELLEY MATHERS, AND (5) RONNIE WILLIAMS,	<i>\$</i>	
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(3) DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS CORP.,	§	
(4) INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORP., AND	§	
(5) MAXUM HEALTH SERVICES CORP.,	§	
Defendants.	§ §	

# **LIST OF PARTIES**

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(1) of the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Cigna Corporation and Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. submit the following list of parties:

	Party	Type
1.	Tracy Darrow, Individually and as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner	Plaintiff
2.	Coy Boatner	Plaintiff
3.	Thomas Crooks	Plaintiff
4.	Shelley Mathers	Plaintiff
5.	Ronnie Williams	Plaintiff

Cigna Corporation Defendant
 Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. Defendant
 Diagnostic Solutions Corp. Defendant
 Insight Health Services Corp. Defendant
 Maxum Health Services Corp. Defendant

# Current Status of Removed Case - Pending

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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	§	
Defendants.	§	

# **LIST OF ATTORNEYS**

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(3) of the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Cigna Corporation and Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. submit the following list of attorneys involved in the removed action:

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	§	
Defendants.	§	

## **RECORD OF JURY REQUESTS**

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81(c)(4) of the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Cigna Corporation and Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. submit the following list of parties that have requested a trial by jury:

- 1. Tracy Darrow, Individually and as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Betsy Boatner
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- 3. Thomas Crooks
- 4. Shelley Mathers
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